

AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMEMBERS C. T. MARTIN & "ABLE" MABLE THOMAS

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AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE
TO IMPLEMENT THE USE OF THE "DENVER 00-0-0564
BOOT" IMMOBILIZING SYSTEM IN THE CITY
OF ATLANTA FOR PERSONS WITH MORE
THAN FIVE OUTSTANDING PARKING
TICKETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Traffic Court does collect fines for parking tickets written in the city of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Court does a terrific job in collecting parking fines and implementation of the "Denver Boot" Immobilizing System would greatly enhance the collection process; and

WHEREAS, the use of the "Denver Boot" Immobilizing System has been very effective in other cities (i.e. Sacramento, New Orleans, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Boston) in getting violators to pay outstanding traffic tickets; and

WHEREAS, cities have contributed their increase in revenue collection to the public's fear and awareness of the boot and convincing them to pay their tickets and feed the parking meters; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the "Denver Boot" Immobilizing System has been deemed constitutional in other cities across the country and is being used in Athens-Clarke in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the "Denver Boot" Immobilizing System is a deterrent to persons receiving parking tickets in other cities and is seen as having the same affect to the drivers in the city of Atlanta. This program is viewed as a revenue enhancement that will benefit the citizens that pay their tickets and subsidize those that do not.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor or his designee(s) the Commissioner of Public Works, Chief of Police, Director of Traffic Court, City Attorney and the Commissioner of Administrative Services implement the "Denver Boot" Immobilizing System in the city of Atlanta.

SECTION 2 That the Office of Marketing and Communication in conjunction with Council Communication put together a Plan of Action (POA) to put the citizens of the Metro Atlanta area on notice that "The Boot is Coming".

SECTION 3: That all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.